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In re Application of: James B. Copelan
Serial No.: 09/729,888
Filed: 12/04/00
For: A Pre-Surgical Safety, Warning, Notification, and/or Alerting
Device
Group: 3764
Examiner: Michael A. Brown

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 1, 2002, Applicant submits the following:

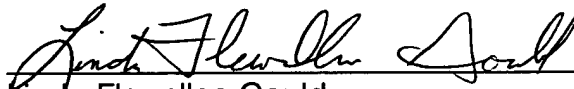
Group I, consisting of Claims 9 - 16, is provisionally elected with traverse.

Additionally, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Accompanying this Reply is a clean copy of Claim 18, as amended. Also accompanying this Reply is a marked up version of Claim 18, showing the changes to be made by this Reply. Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 18, as amended hereby, is drawn to a

pre-surgical alerting device, classified in class 128, subclass 846. Therefore, Applicant requests consideration of Claim 18 within Group I which is provisionally elected hereby.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda Flewellen Gould", is written over a horizontal line.

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